Supplier Relationship Management in the Context of Supply Chain Management

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What is Supply Chain Management?

According to The Global Supply Chain Forum…

Supply chain management is the integration of key business processes from end user through original supplier that provides products, services, and information that add value for customers and other stakeholders.

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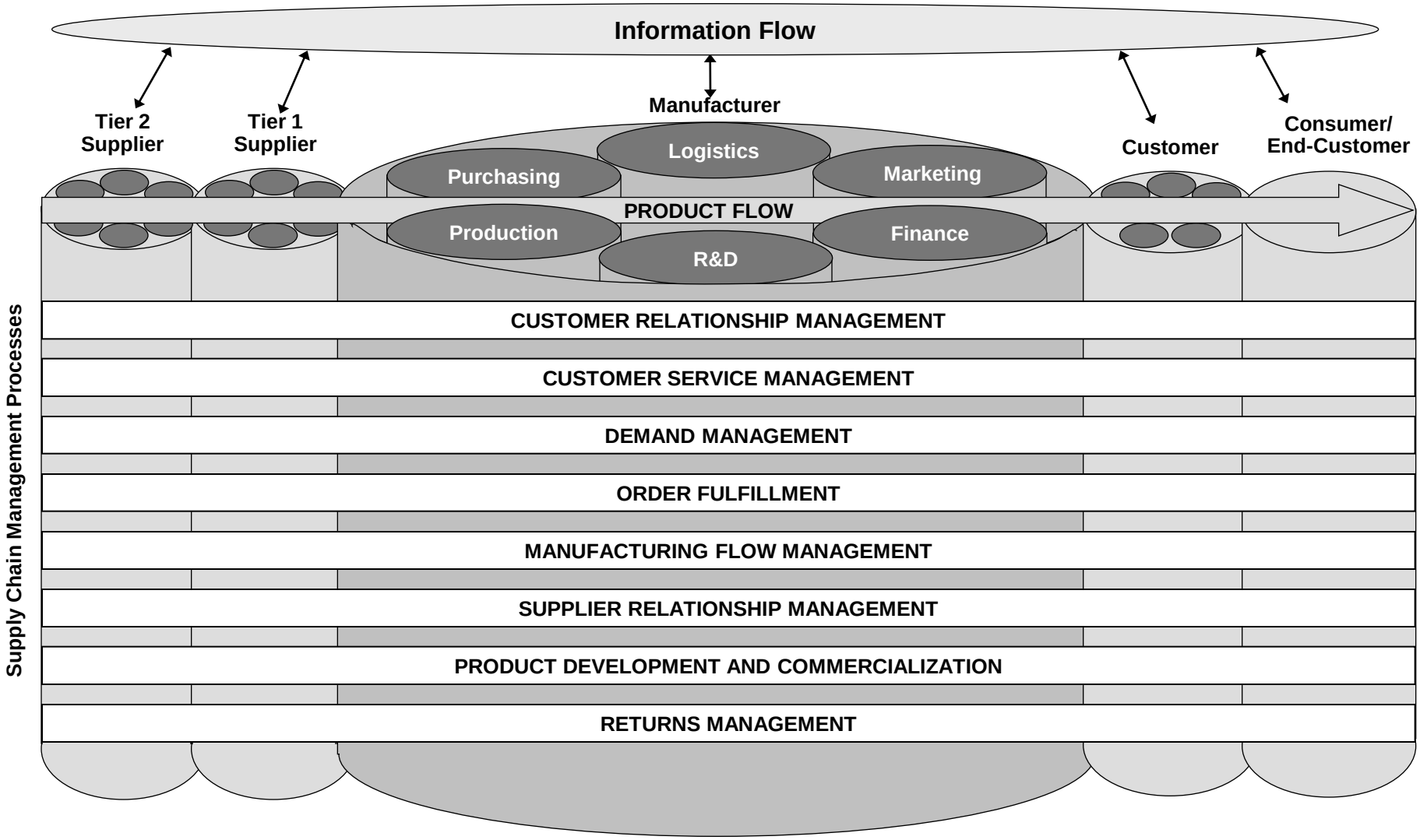
Integrating Key Business Processes



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The Processes

- **Customer Relationship Management** - provides the structure for how relationships with customers are developed & maintained, including the PSAs between the firm & its customers.
- **Customer Service Management** - provides the firm's face to the customer, including management of the PSAs, and provides a single source of customer information.
- **Demand Management** – provides the structure for balancing the customers' requirements with supply chain capabilities.
- **Order Fulfillment** – includes all activities necessary to define customer requirements, design the logistics network, and fill customer orders.
- **Manufacturing Flow Management** - includes all activities necessary to move products through the plants & to obtain & manage manufacturing flexibility in the supply chain.
- **Supplier Relationship Management** - provides the structure for how relationships with suppliers are developed & maintained, including the PSAs between the firm & its suppliers.
- **Product Development and Commercialization** – provides the structure for developing and bringing to market new products jointly with customers and suppliers.
- **Returns Management** – includes all activities related to returns, reverse logistics, gatekeeping, & avoidance.

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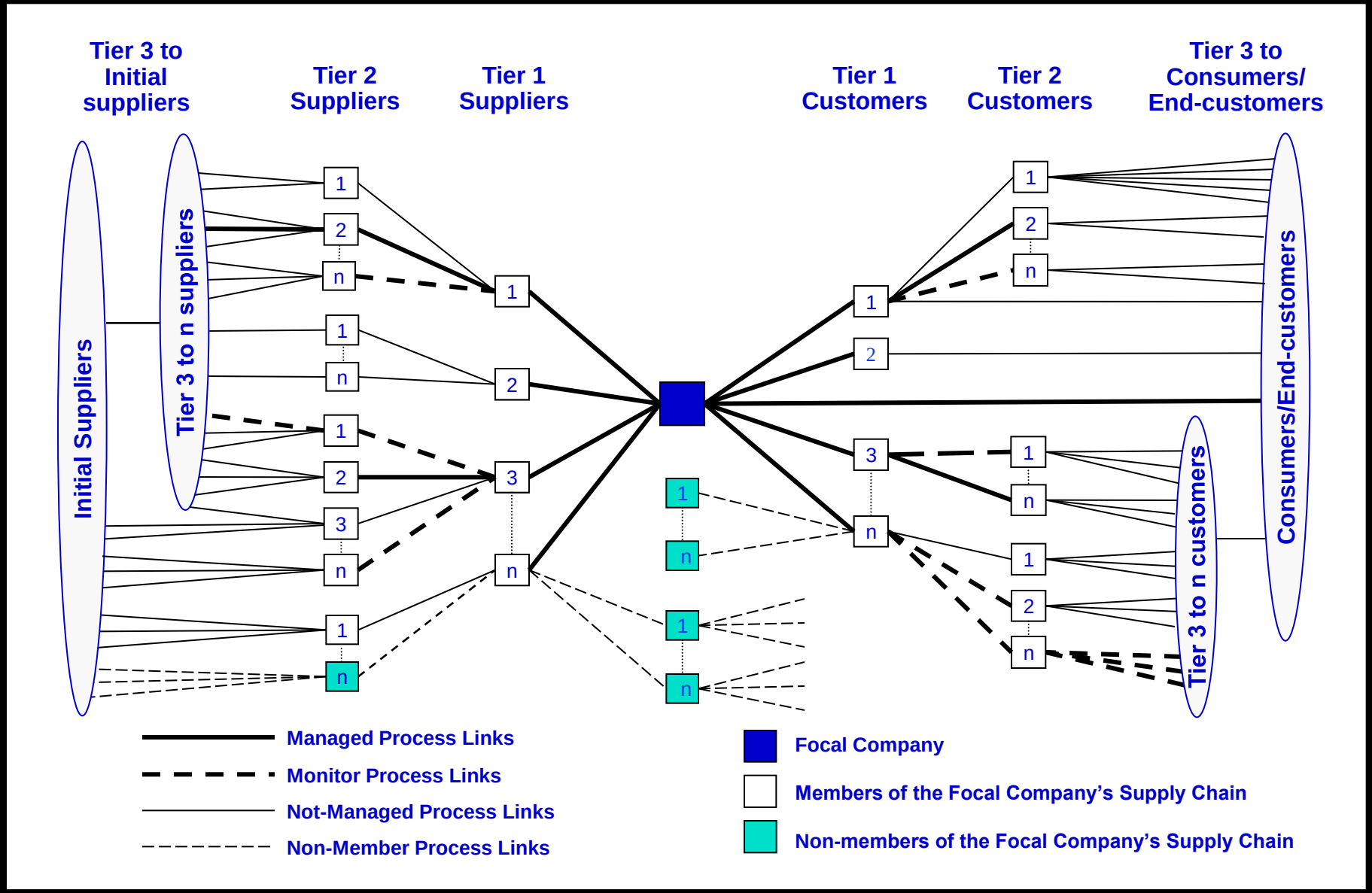
Why Integrate?

Because…

- there might be potential for competitive advantages,
- competitors might already be working on it,
- it should bring more stability to the relationship,
- It should bring improvements to customer service, profits, costs,
- technology is driving businesses in that direction,
- the world is becoming more global and business practices are changing,
- companies tend to focus on their core competencies,
- when these systems have been implemented they become an intangible asset.

Types of Inter-Company Business Process Links



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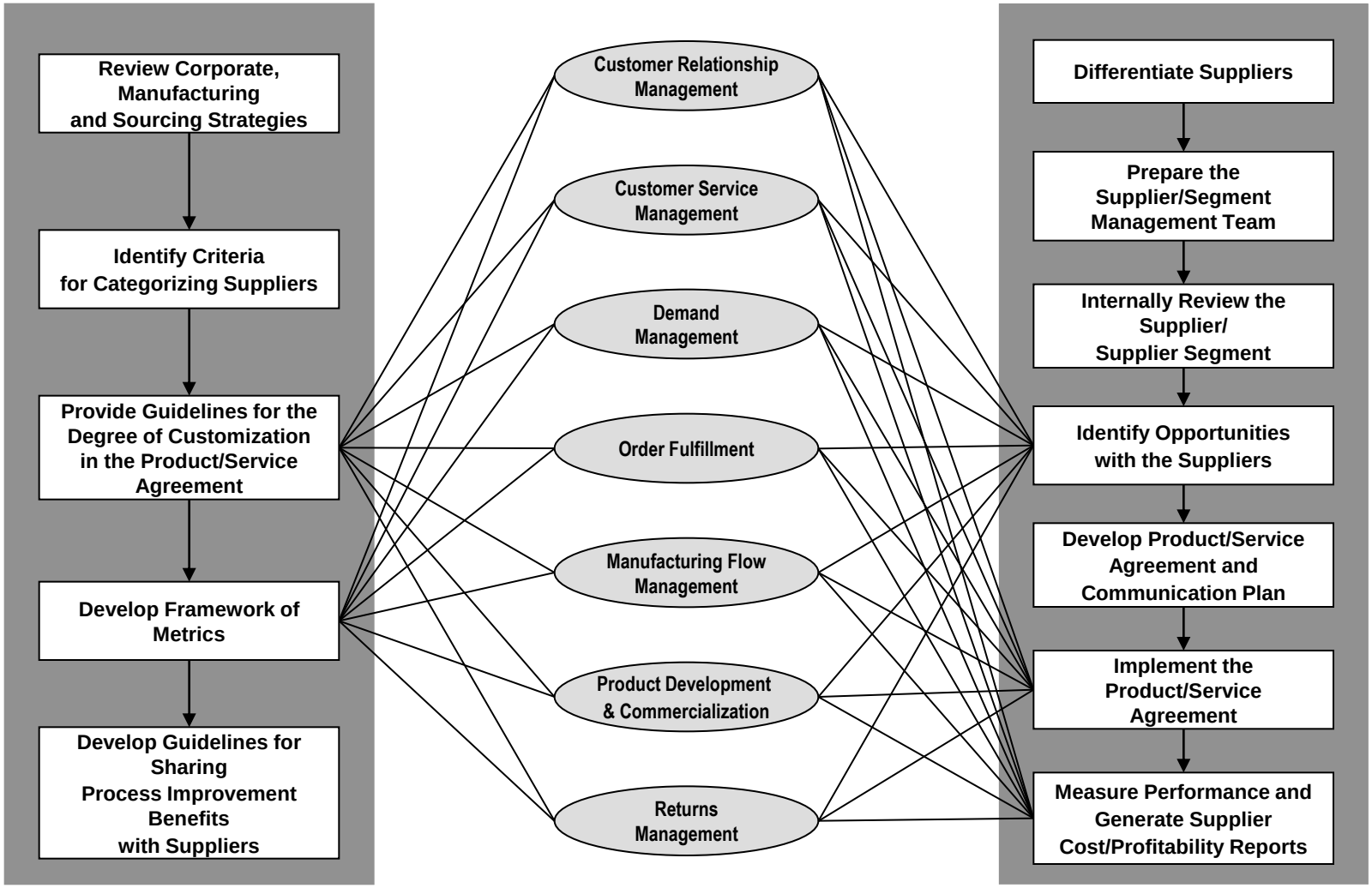

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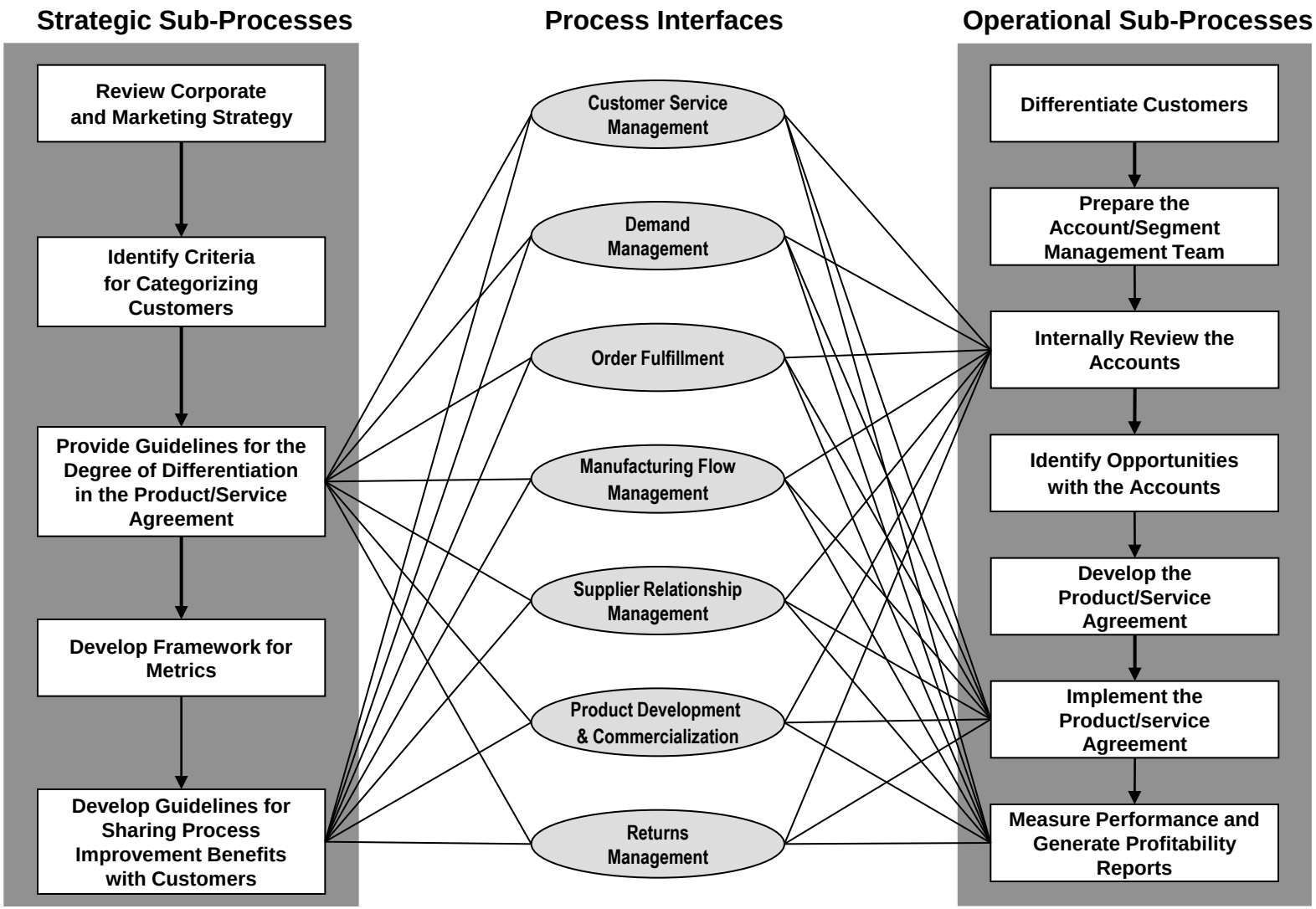

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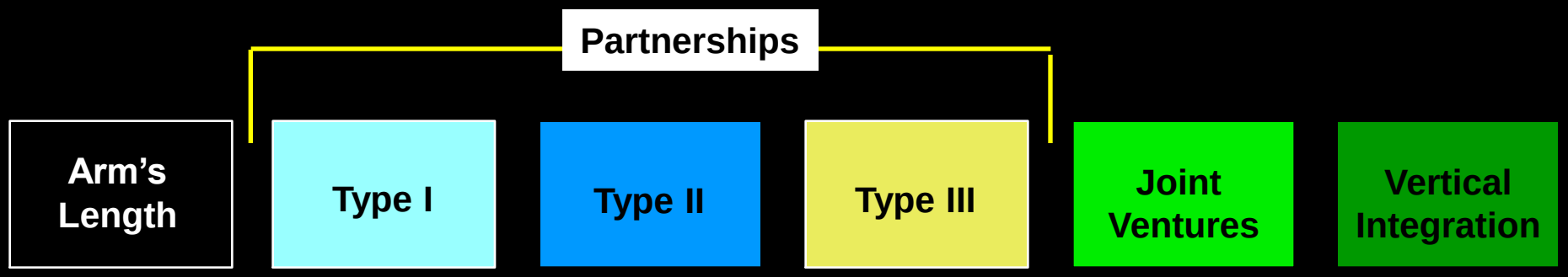
Types of Relationships



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Partnership - Definition

A partnership is a tailored business relationship based on mutual trust, openness, shared risk and shared rewards that results in business performance greater than would be achieved by two firms working together in the absence of partnership.

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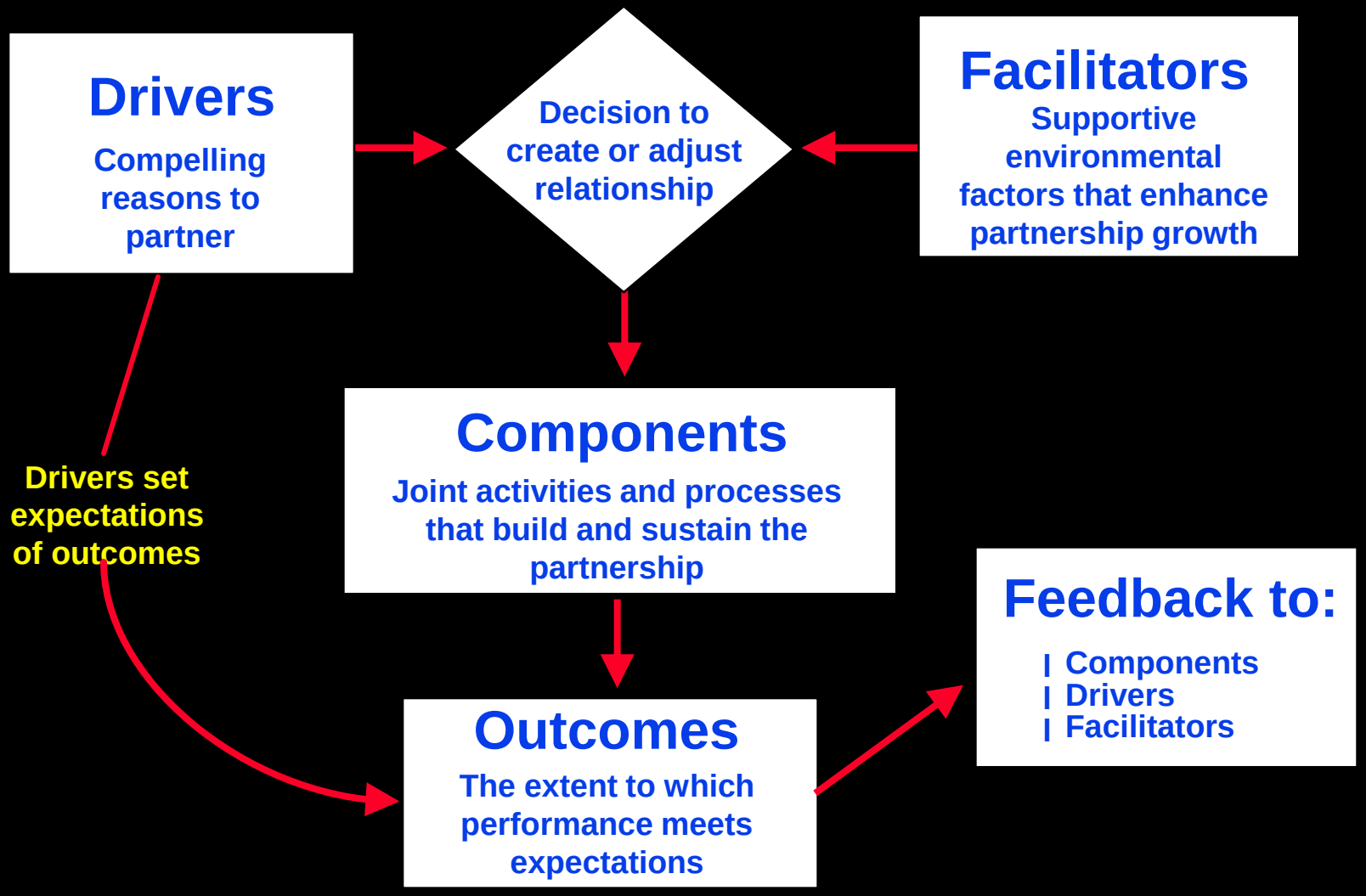
The Partnership Model



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